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festival of lights every year around this time. Hannukah

is an eight day Jewish festival

rededication of the Temple of

Jerusalem. For every night they light one candle on the

menorah, so that by the eighth

commemorating

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Kiri Nielsen & Temica Moore **NEWS & OPINION EDITORS**

Muchas Gracias!

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Thanks to First Source Bank for donating \$460 to Clay from their Spirit Campaign in September. They raised \$16,504.13 overall for area schools! Thanks, guys, we appreciate it!



The deadline to register for the Jan. 23, 1999 SAT I/II is today. Run up to guidance and register TODAY!

Break Out the Yule Log ...

Winter vacation is from Fri., Dec. 18 to Mon., Jan. 4 1999. Happy holidays from everyone at The Colonial!

Candy Land

The AFJROTC candy sale will start when we come back from vacation. Candy doesn't last forever, so buy some quickly.

To Market, to Market...

To turn in your orders! Just a friendly reminder: Market Day orders must be turned in by Tues., Jan. 12, 1999.

Free at Last

In observance of Martin Luther King Day, there's no school on Mon., Jan. 18. Enjoy!

Finally...

It's time for finals! Hey, you're in luck, though... There's a day off on Fri., Jan. 22! Now you can rest your brain after all that cramming!

Dancin' the Night Away!

Clay's annual Midwinter Dance will be at St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church on Ironwood Rd. on Sat., Jan. 23. Grab a date, get your ticket, and have a ball.

Heeere's Josh

Eastern Scott STAFF WRITER

This is the time of the year for joy, happiness and celebration. Most people celebrate Christmas, but some also celebrate Kwanza. Hannukah is yet another

popular religious holiday. We have chosen a great person to tell how he celebrates this unique



Senior Josh Schpok poses for his mug shot.

Say hello to

festival.

Josh Schpok. Josh is a 17 year old senior here at Clay. You may see him singing with the Swing Sensations or in the Jazz Band, Comedy Club, and even the Drama Club (he's a busy guy). He also is into computer programming and composing music. Guess what? He also celebrates the

night all the candles are lit. They also receive eight gifts for eight nights. These aren't any different from the kinds of gifts most of you for get Christmas. This holiday

the

wasn't brought to our society until Jews immigrated to America. Josh says "Its one of the holy holidays that isn't as big of a holiday as it is put out to be. It is only hyped up because it's close to Christmas." Even so, it's the second most celebrated holiday in the world.

Brace Yourself! South Bend's Mall Mayhem 1998 Has Begun

Vladimir Netsmekh **GUEST WRITER**

As inevitably as the arrival of December, the holiday shopping season is upon us. Actually, it's the Christmas shopping season, since neither New Year's, Kwanza, or Hanukkah are traditionally gift-giving holidays. Following the idea that giving is

far more satisfying than receiving, millions of Americans are driven malls to around the country. For many of them, convenience is the reason. Junior Bob Wilkes explains, "I can get everything done in one place."

At our own University Park Mall, the stores are well prepared for such an onslaught. Mandy from Spencer Gifts commented, "We hire more people, order more inventory. and receive special training. Sta- tistics show that mall

Santas receive \$20 per hour and \$30 if their beard is real. December is stressful, but also very profitable. Prices can be manipulated according to demand during this season because shoppers will pay anything to present their loved ones

with this year's most popu-

lar products. Crystal, of Kay Bee Toys a n d Hobby Shop, states. "Furbys a n d Bounc-

ing Tiggers are what everyone wants this year. It's really busy and hectic."

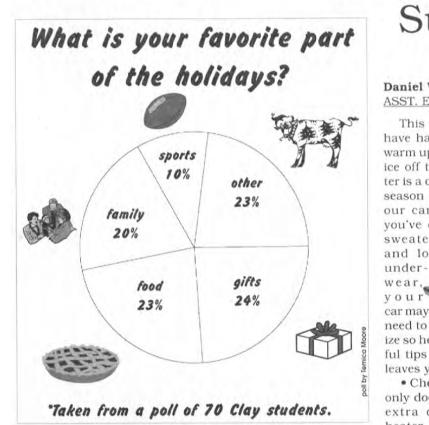
Faint curiosity persist; since it's common knowledge that the mall will be busy, why are so many people willing to put themselves into the stampede? Junior Christy Ruggerio explains, "I don't shop for Christmas presents

at the mall because I'm afraid that I'll get mauled by

> rabid shoppers looking for a bargain!" This is not the only reason why people prefer separate stores to our self-sustained bazaar. Indeed, displaying an ancient social pattern, mall popu-

lace often looks like it's there for a popularity contest or fashion show rather than shopping.

If you can get past these physical and moral obstacles, the mall can be quite useful. Heed the words of Senior Nikki Huyvaert, "If you look in the right places, you can find sales."



How much do you plan to spend on gifts? Find out if your classmates are big spenders... The following results are based on polls taken during lunch hours. \$200 \$150 \$100 \$50 O m \$0 Frosh Sophs Juniors Seniors \$125.83 \$120.55 \$141.60 \$193.10

ANTICIPATION by Michael Hong





Surviving Ol' Man Winter Daniel Wolfe

ASST. EDITOR

This morning you might have had to get up early to warm up your car and scrape ice off the windshield. Winter is a cold and inhospitable season not only to man, to our cars as well. Just as you've drug out the heavy sweaters. wool caps, and long

under wear, your

need to winterize so here are a couple helpful tips before your clunker

leaves you in the cold: · Check your battery. Not

only does a car battery take extra drainage from the heater constantly running. but some fluids inside it can freeze if they are low.

 Make sure you have jumper cables in the trunk. Even if your battery's brand new it's easy to leave the lights on and kill it.

· Double check, and make sure you have an ice

scrapper if you haven't already. You might even want to keep a shovel in the trunk for when heavy duty snow removal from your car is needed.

• Three words: blankets. blankets, blankets. Seems simple, but if you get stranded on a cold highway a warm blanket will be your

savior.

· Fill your radiator with antifreeze. A frozen radiator won't do you much good.

· Take it slow and watch other drivers. People in South Bend can't drive in perfect weather conditions, what make you think icy roads will make them more responsible?

· Avoid un-

necessary travel and know where you're Cruising going. around turns into sliding around far too easily.

•Keep a bag of salt in your car. This can serve two purposes. It helps put weight on the back of your car to stabilize it and the salt can help you melt snow if you get stuck.

 If you do leave your car running to warm it up, make sure there aren't any leaves or debris lying under your car (fire hazard); also, use an extra set of keys to lock the doors. Just because it's cold won't stop a car thief.

Most of these items are common sense,

> but are still important. Driving safety isn't some-

thing most of us think about too much, but the winter driving season is demanding and you might want to follow these ideas.



The Colonial • SPORTS **Boys' Basketball on Fire**

Dale Shafer

DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

The boys' basketball teams are back on track. Last year's season ended with a tough Sectional loss to Adams. Returning player Senior Steve Vavul commented "You can't win a Sectional game playing five on seven." Many of the players felt cheated, but they're looking to make a big comeback this year.

So far their efforts have paid off. They won a close game against East Chicago Central two weekends ago. Many Clay students attended this game. Freshmen David Franklin and Landis Rayborn attended this game. They said "The students were a big response by keeping spirit. It was a key game because we defeated the 5th ranked team in the state." Senior Fred "Big Dawg" Williams attended this also attended the game. He said he went to see the cheerleaders.

Back here at home, the Colonials defeated Washington 82-68 in a key conference matchup. The next night they went down to play a talented Kokomo team. Although the team came up short it, it still was a good effort. "I think that the season is going well,"Senior Kyle Anderson commented. "It will only keep getting better if we keep doing what we are doing now." Many people are excited about this season.

The next N.I.C. game will be tonight against Adams at Adams, and then they play two non-conference games during Christmas vacation. Both are away games, one at Adrean, and the other at Mishawaka Marian. After that, the Colonials play a big home game on January 8th when we take on Penn. This is also a key N.I.C. game, and the team is asking for your support. The Penn game is a potential sell-out, so get your tickets as soon as possible! Go Colonials!!



Senior Avery Minor gets up to grab a rebound against



apologize if I missed any kind of person or persons in my last article, but you all know that there is still much love. Now, this is the last day before we all go off and celebrate the new yew and Christmas, I thought that everyone would be tired of singing the same my homie gave to me: six old songs during the holidays, so I will attempt to revise "The 12 Days of Christmas" to The 10 Days of Christmas Break," so here we go.

On the first day of break my homie gave to me: a package underneath my tree.

On the second day of break my homie gave to me: two latex gloves and a package underneath my tree.

On the third day of break my homie gave to me: three nagging exes, two latex gloves, and a package underneath my tree.

On the fourth day of break my homie gave to me: four calling girls, three nagging exes, two latex gloves, and a

First of all I would like to package under eath my tree.

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On the fifth day of break four calling girls, three nagging exes, two latex gloves, and a package underneath my tree.

On the sixth day of break players playing, four calling girls, three nagging exes, two latex gloves, and a package underneath my tree.

On the seventh day of break my homie gave to me: seven boxes arriving, six playing, players four calling girls, three nagging exes, two latex gloves, and a package underneath my tree.

On the eighth day of break my homie gave to me: eight seniors drinking (Coke), seven boxes arriving, four calling girls, three nagging exes, two latex gloves, and a package underneath my tree.

On the ninth day break my homie gave to me: nine parties jumping, eight seniors drinking (Coke), seven boxes arriving, six players playing, four calling girls, three nagging exes, two latex gloves, and a package underneath my tree.

On the tenth day of break my homie gave to me: ten cops are creeping, nine parties jumping, eight seniors drinking (Coke), seven boxes arriving, six players playing, four calling girls, three nagging exes, two latex gloves, and a package underneath mv treeeeeeeee. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!!!!!!!

I would like to give a shout out to my guy J. Spring who hit 9 threes against Kokomo. (Note: Some of the above was edited.)

Featured Athlete/Trainer **Kristin Kleiser**

Kristin is one of the top divers on the swim team. When she is not working on her dives she is taking care of the injured athletes.

Favorite Class: IOL

Favorite Person: Emily DeCloedt Favorite Coach: Lori Adams Favorite Song: "You're Still the One" (Shaina Twain) Favorite Pig-out Food: Big Cookies Favorite Sport: gymnastics, diving, and softball Favorite Team: Notre Dame Football Pregame Meal: Subway The Worst Place to Live: South Bend

Would you Rather be Poor and Happy or Wealthy and unhappy: Poor and Happy

Prized Possession: Hat from France Proudest Moment: Competing at Nationals for gymnastics Most Embarrassing Moment: Singing on the French News If I Switched Places With Anyone, It Would Be: Gwenyth Paltrow Biggest High School Win: Winning Clay Classic in softball Biggest High School Loss: Losing by 1 run in softball sectionals Hobbies: cruzin' and watching Jerry Springer with Emily In 15 years you see yourself as: physical therapist



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Carmichael Can Hold A Tune

Pooya (Ryan) Ghiaseddin STAFF WRITER

You may have seen him walking down the hallway. At first glance, he seems like any other student. However, few of you would know that Neil Carmichael may become the next Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Carmichael started playing the guitar at the end of his eighth grade year. He had never taken lessons, but found a strange attraction to the harmonic tunes. He saved up his allowance for nearly a year to purchase his original acoustic guitar. After playing the acoustic guitar for a few years, he purchased an electric guitar and joined the Clay High Blues Band.

As his affinity for the music grew, he decided to create his own. "I hate to take other peoples work and redo it. People always try to make carbon-copies of things that are already out there. I like to keep my work original." Last year, his band won first place at the Clay High Talent Show. The band was put together with two days notice and had

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little time to practice, yet his inner talent came through. He currently performs on "Open Jams⁴ at local bars. His

greatest inspiration is Clay's own kickin' slide guitar player, Patrick "Da Sarge" Mechem. "He kept me interested." said Carmichael. "He would lend me 500 blues CDs a day and say: `Dude listen to this, it's phenomenal!" Other musicians he admires are: Southside Denny (from whom he is currently taking lessons from), Stevie Ray

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Vaughan, Eric Johnson, Eric Clapton, Buddy Guy and В.В. King. When he's not listening to blues. Carmichael ills to the tunes of the WestSide connection.

week.

Carmichael plans on starting a new band, but is worried about lack of interest in blues. "Young people seem to

be getting away from the blues nowadays. It bothers me when beginner guitar players are intimidated by more experienced players." He was recently interviewed by Enoise

with Killa-G and BJQ. Any

spare time he has, he tries to

allocate to homework. He said

with a smile, "I don't have much spare time."

(www.enoise.com), an online magazine. In the near future he will be on the Blues Review radio show, on 88.1. He may also be featured on a Tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughan CD. The next time you see Neil Carmichael in the hallway, at the library, or playing Golden Eye, get an autograph; it may be worth something someday soon.

When the Ball Drops

Libby Witkowski ADS MANAGER

5...4...3...2...1...Happy New Year!! It's almost time for the countdown to begin another new year. What are your plans? Many people already have plans and know what their New Year resolutions are

The most unanimous decisions was going to parties. Sophomores August Simmons and Kristen Boyd both said they were going to festivities. Senior Courtney Dale is also going to party in Indianapolis with some friends. Seniors Mike Levee and Leah Rubin are both going to Florida (for different reasons). Mike is going with family and Leah is going with her best friend (sorry Libby M.). Sophomore Sarah Vice is doing something unique. "I'm getting my license on New Year's Eve

Along with their plans, some people have their resolutions made, too. Junior Rhonda Works says, I am going to spend time with my hottie on New Year's for him to take me shopping." And her reso-lution? "To become a better person." Junior Adam Springer remarked, "I am kickin' it with Dab, and my resolution is to make more money." Senior Abby Tuttle resolves to be more organized and explains she will be in New York this December 31

Other students did not know their plans; however, they had their resolutions made. "I resolve to put the toilet scat down more," says Freshman Dustin Marciniak. Sophomore Melanie Edmunson resolves "to successfully teach Katie Zientara how to do a Garth impression without looking like an idiot." A very good resolution was made by Sophomore Brian Kennedy to "quit smoking.

Whatever your plans and resolutions are, have a great New Year and happy holidays!

All I Want For Christmas

the

Carmichael works at the St.

Joe County Public Library.

On the weekends, he kicks it

Megan Tarbet STAFF WRITER

During

It's that time of year, when the greediness in us all comes out and puts dents in

our parents' wallets. For those of you who plan on taking your boyfriends to the mall, after he got back one of his paychecks . . . fellahs, it won't last

long. There are three kinds of wishes that are common during this year, greedgimme, gimme, gimme. peace- wishing that we stay at peace just for the season, and love-hoping that this year you're with someone that is special to you. Yeah, Mom and Dad are cool, but I'm talking about someone that can keep you company under the mistletoe. So we asked what some people had in mind this year for what their Christmas wish was going to be.

"I wish the rest of the year to be full of parties and cluttered with fun."-Senior Alison Levy

"I want a Red Rider BB gun, with a compass and to catch Nikki

Wrass under a mistletoe."-Senior Jacob Burton

"I want it to snow on Christmas day."-Senior Nikki Wrass and Senior Silvio Martino.

"I want to finally see Santa get caught in my chimney so I can steal his shoes." -Anonymous

"I want to know if Santa is real."-Anonymous

'I wish for a life time supply of chocolate ice cream."-Anonymous

This year, it looks like we will be going after the greediness and the love. The Colonial wishes you peace and love for your holiday season.



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Communication is the key to survival. No matter what you're doing you are always communicating in some way. However, there is a problem with communication. People sometimes hear what they want to hear and tune out what's really important.

For example if I told you something, then you told someone else, and that person told three other people, by the time the story got back to me it would be completely altered. This miscommunication causes a communication gap.

Communication gaps are the main fault in today's society. Many individuals are in such a hurry to tell the latest gossip that they fail to obtain all of the facts. Rumors begin to fly. Majority of these rumors are very harmful and sometimes are extreme enough to affect jobs and reputations.

We as the human race need to listen to what we hear. It is human nature to gossip and everybody does it. However, that doesn't make it right or acceptable. Majority of the fights in Clay High School are due to gossip and hearsay. People instigate the potential fight situations so much that the people involved never take the time to find out the truth. Gossip hurts relationships and sometimes tear good things a part. What if the rumors you are spreading aren't true? How would you feel if someone was spreading lies about you?

This is just something to think about before you gossip.

Furby: the Beanie Babies of '98

Justin Brandon STAFF WRITER

As the holiday season is upon us once again, we are bombarded with more and more advertisements. Children have their Christmas lists written, and their parents are doing anything legal (or not) to get what their kids want. It seems that every year a certain toy is at the top of every child's wish list, and inevitably, the toys are supplied in

scarce quantities.

How many times in the last year have you heard your little brother or sister talking about Beanie Babies? Beanie babies

are a classic example of a toy that was desired by millions of children, but available only to those who were willing to stand in line outside of their local Hallmark gift shop for hours upon hours.

This year Furby (pictured above), from the Tiger electronics company is the hot item. A simple search on the internet found 1,052 sites dealing in Furby merchandise. Everything from "Furby fever" to "Buy Furby's here, all major credit cards accepted," were sites unearthed by the search engine. A manager at Kay-Bee Toy Store said "We had 100 Furbies on the shelf that sold out within 5 minutes." She continued, "A man from Ft. Wayne offered me \$100 apiece for every Furby I could come up with, because he could turn around and re-sell them for a large profit."

It is realized that many items have a huge demand coupled by a petty supply.

Supply-and-demand is a widely practiced business tactic that always seems to gain prominence during the holiday season. How many Children would say that Christmas is all about Santa Claus and his nine tiny

reindeer?

The obvious over-commercialization of Christmas and every other holiday is not solely the fault of the corporations marketing their products, I understand that they are not out to dilute Christmas morals. Gifts are a favorite part of Christmas for people of all ages, but the question is still as present as ever: Has the true meaning of Christmas been lost? It is a question that is asked every year around this time that you must answer for yourself.

Who's The Boss?

Megan Tarbet STAFF WRITER

Do you ever wonder if teachers abuse their authority? In the past you could give your teachers an apple and you were on good terms with them, but what happens when there isn't a friendly relationship anymore? What has changed that a teacher is allowed to swear at kids, and what has happened to us if we were the ones to swear first? Education is the only rope that we have to pull us out from where we are to seek higher goals, and taller futures. It is the late nineties and some classrooms have turned into boxing arenas. In the beginning, the teacher taught the kid, but now, it's a battle of who knows the most and who's implying something bad towards someone else. For some reason the power struggle in the classroom seems to be endless.

"They think that they can do whatever they want; they can write us up whenever they want. I don't think it's fair to get written up for something that you weren't aware of until the last minute," commented Freshman Hayley Fuller. In agreement with Fuller an anonymous student commented, "I think, that teachers get away with a lot of things, and the things that they get away with they can classify under they're job requirements."

"The relationship between the student and the teacher is that the teacher teaches the student responsibility, and if the student chooses to ignore this, then they don't make it later on, and they have to realize that the world has rules, and you have to abide by them,' commented CORE Supervisor Mr. Douglas Scruggs. In conjunction with Scruggs, English Teacher Ms. Cathy Henderson commented, "A lot of teachers would like their students to understand that teachers have authority, because of what they know and want to share. Most teachers don't like having a 'because I say so attitude'."

Many of us think that the level of respect is 50/50 in the classroom; other people have different views. Whether you're a teacher or student respect for others will solve many of the problems.



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Down With The Clique

Elise Scott STAFF WRITER

The Klan, the Blood, the Crypts, and the Cliques. Are these the fraternities and sororities of tomorrow, other gangs of today or the hate filled exclusive mobs of days past? Can we as the generation to lead the new millennium distinguish our path, or will we be on a road well

traveled? Are we sharing our individuality with others or are we trading a large part of ourselves to be a smaller part of others?

A clique is a photo by Ryan Ghloseda s m a 1 1 , Senior Nick Wolfe is torn as he decides between exclusive circle two cliques, Cliques play a major part in many of people students' lives. according to

Webster New World College Dictionary. Cliques are all around us. Clay High School is the home of many cliques. In the world of those who aren't in a clique they have their own individuality and they either feel left out or they are a part of a world that exists to them as an individual life-style. To feel left out is to feel like you have no place in a certain place at any given event. Most students feel that there needs to be a little bit more unity. Senior Dustin Hardisty said, "Why

> can't we all just be able to party together without having to worry about a clique excluding people because their not in the clique." If you are an individual you shouldn't have to worry about anything a clique thinks about you or who's party you're

thinks about you or who's party you're at. Junior Kerry Perry said, "If you are not in a clique. Just be yourself."

Most of the cliques at Clay feel they aren't a bother to the school. They feel the problem lies in jealous people or "player haters." That just may be true and if so are they the only haters? Are the cliques also hating you when you show up at a party because they don't like you? Or are you just hating them because your not welcomed at their party? This does not mean give up your individuality to be what they want you to be. Just do your thing and let them do theirs.

The danger lies for most in not knowing their own inner direction to clique or not to clique? Junior Michael Miller said. "I know some cliques out there that's taking this whole idea our of proportion. Most of them are played out and others sill remain basic. There is no need for anyone to feel left out, but we have some cliques out there who claim they're on a higher platform and so people begin to feel this way." When deciding whether or not to clique, ask yourself if you are being true to yourself or are trying to be something that you aren't to please others.

Walk This Way: Aerosmith Concert Review

Dale Shafer STAFF WRITER

South Bend, for the last few years, has been the slum of all places in America for a really good show. Aside from the Ticket Master conflict a couple years ago (which chased many bands away), our venues have not been used by the big bands. To catch a good show you would have to travel to such places as Chicago, Kalamazoo, Deer Creek, Chicago, or Indianapolis.

Back here in town, the JACC at Notre Dame and the Coveleski Stadium have become quite noisy places. In the past two years these venues have hosted the Steve Miller Band, the Newsboys with Third Day (for two years in a row), Dave Matthews Band, Creed, and more recently, Aerosmith with Seven Mary Three. Many fans were turned away by local ticket sellers as tickets sold out just hours after they went on sale. Juniors Mike Murphy, Keenan Beckwith, and Dave Hunt said "We all got up late, but we still got decent seats."

Aerosmith (pictured), along with platinum selling artists Seven Mary Three played for a completely sold-out crowd. Seven Mary Three, originally from Clearwater, Florida (a small town outside of Orlando) played a great set including songs such as "Water's Edge," "My, My," "Rockcrown." my all-time favorite "Cumbersome," and a few other new songs from their new album Orange Avenue.

Their set lasted about forty-five minutes, and I think that they more than held their

own with Aerosmith. Junior Michelle Thomas said "I didn't know any SM3(Seven Mary Three) songs, but they



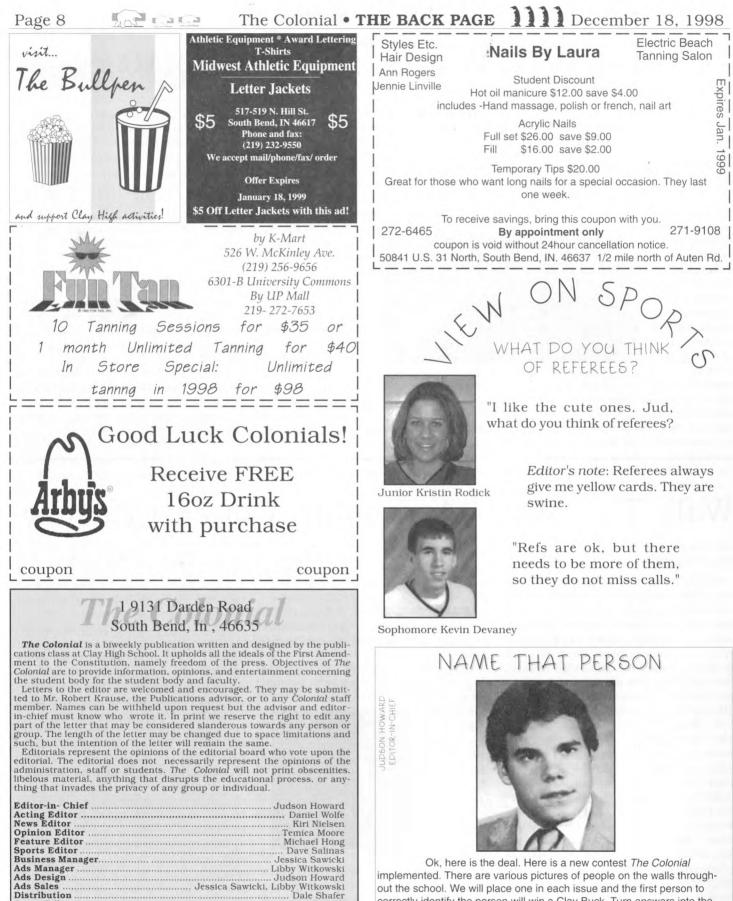
sounded pretty good." I was a little upset by the fact that they really couldn't get into their show because Aerosmith had all of their props covered and on stage. SM3 had to play in front of them, which gave them about a 15" by 6" area to play in. I think that it took away from their performance because they really couldn't get into the music and move around. The only effects that SM3 could use was blue, orange, and red stage lights.

About a half hour later. Aerosmith was welcomed on stage by a sold out crowd. Their set was about two hours and 15 minutes long. It included any Aerosmith song imaginable, stage props of giant snakes and cats (Nine Lives Tour, duh), and great pyrotechnics that enhanced the show. They played lots of old songs, new songs, and some in between songs, including "Pink," "Janie's got a gun." "Love In An Elevator." "Eat the rich," "Sweet Emotion," and the finale "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing" from the Armageddon movie soundtrack.

Steven Tyler and the gang played well and, of course, what's an Aerosmith concert without Tyler's top hat and his pink feathered scarf?! Junior Lindsey VanBelleghem, a big Aerosmith fan commented, "It was the greatest! I sang every song. I should be in the group!" All in all. I think it was a great show that was well worth the money!



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